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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT COMMISSION OFFICES

FULBRIGHT COMMISSION OFFICES LEASE TERMINATES JUNE 30
AND JAPANESE LANDLORDS DO NOT WANT RENEW BECAUSE THEY
NEED SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL COMING FROM TOKYO.
COMMISSION FACED WITH FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

1. LOOK FOR OTHER OFFICES. CURRENT LOCAL SITUATION
ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AS LOCAL LANDLORDS PREFER HAVE
PROPERTY VACANT RATHER BE SUBJECT TO RENT LAWS WHICH
FREEZE RENTS AND MAKE EVICTIONS IMPOSSIBLE. ALMOST
NOTHING AVAILABLE. THE FEW OFFICES SEEN ARE INADEQUATE
AND EXPENSIVE.
2. REMAIN IN THE OFFICES AS "INQUILINOS INTRUSOS."
ACCORDING TO CURRENT RENT LAW, COMMISSION CANNOT BE
EVICTED. THE LANDLORDS COULD TAKE US TO COURT,
WHICH UNBECOMING FOR THE EMBASSY, BUT WOULD MOST
LIKELY LOSE CASE.
3. MOVE INTO SPACE VACATED BY RTAC (AID) ABOVE THE LINCOLN
INFORMATION CENTER. PROS: SPACE VERY ADEQUATE AND
WELL-LOCATED; RENT COULD BE ADJUSTED TO A SUM BETWEEN
WHAT COMMISSION CURRENTLY PAYING AND WHAT RTAC
PAYING; COMMISSION WOULD THEN HAVE USE OF LIBRARY
FACILITIES. CONS: COMMISSION VISITORS NUMBERING FIFTEEN
PER DAY WOULD HAVE TO SUBMIT SECURITY PROCEDURES UPON ENTRY
WHEREAS COME AND GO FREELY IN PRESENT QUARTERS; COMMISSION
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MEMBERS BELIEVE CLOSE PHYSICAL ASSOCIATION WITH LINCOLN

MIGHT PUT INTO QUESTION BI-NATIONALITY OF PROGRAM.

4. THE POST AND THE COMMISSION REQUEST DEPARTMENT
INSTRUCTIONS. MEANWHILE WE INFORMING LANDLORDS THAT STAFF
IS LOOKING FOR OTHER QUARTERS AND REQUESTING TO STAY TILL
WE HAVE PLACE TO GO.
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